## HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE BOY WHO IS FOUND EVERYWHERE.

He May Not Be All That Our Fancy Paints Him, but He Manages to Make Himself Felt in Whatever Position He May Be Placed.

The irrepressible boy is a character, and there are a good many of him. He is as omnipotent as he is voluminous. He bobs up under the most inconceivable circumstances, and generally with a screnity that in provoking. You can't bottle him, and It would be reprehensible to kill him. You can sit down on him, but he won't stay sat down on. He is a terror to his sister and his sister's lover; family secrets are not sacred in his eyes; he shirks his own work, but is always ready to do another boy's, or, more particularly, a full grown

Today he is horribly matter of fact, tomorrow he may be mawkishly sentimental. At one moment he startles you with the vigor of his logic, at the next he surprises you with the silliness of his deductions Now he charms you with his innate politeness, anon he shocks you by a violation of the proprieties. He can look profoundly innocent when most surely guilty, and de-

vise an alibi with rare ingenuity, I do not believe that the boy invariably "foreshadows the man," or that "men are but children of a larger growth," as Dryden expresses it. The goody-goody boy may go to ruin on the fast express, the bad boy may ennoble his manhood; the smart boy may not rise above medicarity, the dull boy may forge straight to the front. When N. P. Willis was a boy his mother told him to write a letter to his aunt. Upon visiting him an hour later she found that the words "Deer Ant" was all that he had accomplished. Surely he did not foreshadow the pleasing poet and the brilliant jour-

REEPRESSIBLE BOYS.

I think it was Lyman Beecher who said: "I admire boys in the rough, I like them as I do systers—on the half shell." And so do I. I am ready to make allowance for natural depravity; it simply may be misdirected unsh, just as rudeness may be merely a surplusage of vitality. I have no patience with a mope. The repressible boy harrily ever rises. There isn't any classicity in him; he lacks pluck, energy, ambition. Stubboraness is sometimes but another name for endurance.

The irrepressible boy may become the irrepressible man, and if the irrepressibility is properly expended, he will accomplish a vast amount of good. If such men as Seward, Phillips, Garrison and Frement were irrepressible boys, we are thankful that the fault, or the faculty, grew with their growth.

In my boyhood I believed in Santa Claus and Jack and the Beanstalk. It was after I had reached manhood that I became cynient, incredulous and suspicious.

Our leventory of a boy may not amount to much. There are too many unknown quantities, too many undeveloped phases, too many unestimated possibilities. I have a friend who prides himself upon his knowledge of human nature. His intuitions never deceive him. Boys are his especial study; he can read a boy like an open book. He can sum up his worth, forecast his fallures, predict his successes. I mean to say that he thinks he can. I had an amusing illustration of his power last summer. HE COULD READ BOYS.

"Those are very good boys of Dar-ringer's," my friend remarked to me one He referred to a family who recently

had moved into the neighborhood. "Do you think so?" I quietly asked, a quaver in my voice which escaped his

were here early this morning to ask permission to pick berries in the clearing. I was pleased with their frank ways and honest faces. They took off their hats, indulged in no slang and looked squarely at me. I can tell a polite, honest, truthful boy the minute I set my eyes on him. Catch any boy raised around here asking for permission to pick berries! I'd think the millennium was about to dawn. They had only one small basket between them. 'Why didn't you bring a larger basket?' I asked. 'Oh, we only want enough for mamma to make a pie of,' they said. I tell you, they are honest, truthful, well raised

"Yes," I replied, scarcely able to repress my emotion. "What time were they here this morning?

"As early as 5 o'clock." "And it is about 5 in the afternoon now, isn't it?" I asked.

"Well," I said, "I came past your clearing fifteen minutes ago. The two Darringer boys came out of it with four large baskets filled with berries, 'Boys, vou've had good luck,' I said. 'You can bet your bottom dollar on that,' one of them replied, 'we carried just as many home at dinner time.' 'Did you ask Mr. Bradford's per-mission to pick berries!' I inquired. 'Yes,'

most everlastingly.' "Well, those frank, truthful boys, who do not indulge in slang, and who look squarely at you, were twelve hours in your clearing, and got away with at least two bushels of your berries. Of course-you can tell an honest, truthful boy the minute you set your eyes on him!"

was the reply. 'We pulled his leg for him.

We hid all our baskets in the bushes but the two quart one. We shut up his eye

My triend did not get vexed. He ignored the sarcasm underlying my speech. A sad look crept into his eyes, and he muttered something about total depravity and the need of wider Christianizing influences .-Frank H. Stauffer in Kate Field's Wash-

## Expensive Monuments.

There is a monument erected in Torquay cemetery to the memory of Isaac Merritt Singer, of sewing machine fame, which cost \$50,000. In Mortlake cemetery a monument in the shape of an eastern tent, erected over the grave of Sir Richard Burton, the explorer, cost £1,000. In the cemetery near Abroath is a monument erected by Patrick Allen Fraser of Hospitalfield, in memory of his wife, which cost even more than that erected over Singer's grave. It was the work of years to build, and Mr. Fraser made several journeys to Rome and Venice to examine the sculptures on fa-mous tombs. He was an artist, and the whole of his plans, drawings, etc., were executed by himself.-London Tit-Bits.

Tired Eyes and Insomnia.

"Among other evil results from abuse of the eyesight," said a medical expert in the treatment of eye and ear, "is the fact that to it may be attributed the great increase in recent years of the much dreaded in-somnia. From my experience with the hundreds of cases of eye affections I am satisfied that three-quarters of the cases of sleeplessness come from nervousness directly traceable to undue strain upon the optic nerve. In these days of unceasing work the eyes are not given the rest to which they are entitled. Glerks, lawyers and professional men generally are continuously pering over books and papers, and the result is apparent not only in the actual injury to the eye itself, but in the retroactive effect upon the nerve and brain. Even the amusements and recreations in which they indulge after the day's work are of a character to be a still further strain upon the eye.

"Insomnia in women comes largely from too much work with the needle or protracted occupation in some clerical posi-

tion. There is a simple remedy for sleep lessness, which by its unfailing success proves that the trouble largely comes from the overstrain of the eyes. If the sufferer will take a small piece of toweling or other soft cloth and fold in it two small bits of ice, and then lie down and adjust the cloth so that the ice will exactly cover the closed eyes, he will shortly flud himself dropping off into a refreshing sleep. This, of course, is only a temporary relief, but the insomnia victim can readily cure himself by shielding his eyes from overmuch strain. -New York Telegram.

How the Autoerat Proposed.

walking. The mall or boulevard of our of brilliant colors. These are forerunners Common, you know, has various branches leading from it in different directions. One of these runs down from opposite Joy street southward across the whole length of the Common to Boylston street. We called it the long path and were fond of it. I felt very weak indeed (though of a tolerably robust habit) as we came opposite the head of this path on that morning. I think I tried to speak twice without mak ing myself distinctly audible.

At last I got out the question, "Will you take the long path with me?" "Certainly," said the schoolmistress, "with much pleasure." "Think," I said, "before you answer. If you take the long path with me now, I shall interpret it that we are to part no more." The schoolmistress stepped back with a sudden movement, as if an arrow had struck her.

One of the granite blocks used as seats was hard by, the one you may still see close by the gingko tree. "Pray sit down," I said. "No, no," she answered softly. "I will walk the long path with you."

The old gentleman who sits opposite met us walking arm in arm about the middle of the long path, and said very charmingly, "Good morning, my dears."-Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Musical Car Whistles.

himself in Brooklyn in the course of the open car season the most remarkable feature of the occasion is the solos performed by the conductors when they start and stop the aforesaid cars,

They are not satisfied with the "toot" to stop and the "toot-toot" to go ahead that their New York brethren use, but run in bewildering combinations of "tootle-tootleti-too" and "whoopety-whoop" that makes a stranger's brain reel. Some have a double be large, bonnets small and shoulders whistle and some boast whistles with three sloping. Skirts will probably be somewhat pipes. These gentlemen penetrate the air with bird notes and gurgling trills, and when a dozen cars of as many lines get bunched together at the bridge or Fulton ferry the resemblance to a rehearsal of a brass band on Saturday night is startling.

I asked a conspicuous performer on the pipes the reason for his outbursts, and he replied: "It's de kida, see! If we use 'er plain whistle dey gets onto us, see? 'En see?"-New York Herald.

Disease Carried by Flies.

their open sores covered by swarms of flies, | neglect. which makes the presence and obtrusiveness everywhere in that country of this insect pest doubly abhorrent, from the possibilities of contagion by contact with them. | Where City People of Moderate Means Find The prevalence of ophthalmia in Egypt is attributed specially to these swarms of flies, which convey infection from affected subjects to those unaffected.

In our own country there is no specific malady which may be thus mainly attrib- for summer homes. These houses usually utable to the germ carrying action of flies, He at a distance from the railroad and are but it is quite possible that many cases, devoid of any pretenses to smartness; traced, may have had their origin in the presence of files unwittingly admitted from retirement very well even to persons actainted places.—Brooklyn Eagle.

What a Traveler Saw in America. visit to America he saw three journals the main thing, and in a quiet country printed on sugar cakes flattened out. spot the house is little more than a place Rolled chewing tobacco formed the sheet in which to eat and sleep. on which two other journalists recorded when the Tenton purchased a newspaper formed of a porous plaster! He went on to relate that three publishers defy competi-tion by having their subscribers photographed yearly, several give their subscribers free burial, five invite them to a dinner once a month, and 260 provide them with medical advice!—London Tit-Bits.

## Vulgar Wealth.

On a Pullman coach, on my way to Marquette, on the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic railroad, a colored porter asked me if I knew a certain other passenger. I did not. "Well," said the porter, "he has just given me a five dollar bill, and said he did it 'for a starter.' Dat feller is jist recking with money, for sure." A man who will give a porter five dollars for a starter where others expect to satisfy him with twenty-five cents is a vulgar fellow, no matter what his wealth or position may be. -Julian Raiph in New York Sun.

An Ore Concentrator.

A new ore concentrator has been devised, which operates by crushing the material to about a quarter of an Inch in size, and which, exposed to the action of powerful magnets, separates the particles of iron ore. The particles of ore are again crushed to a dom in the summer. They cannot well finer state, and again exposed to magnetic action, resulting in a concentrated condition of the iron.-Exchange.

Fresh Water Pearls.

streams of this country in the shells of mussels, called "unlos," More than \$10,000 worth of them were sent to New York at cot beds, camp chairs, a stove and bleached one time within three months from Wis- muslin curtains-the decorative part beconsin, one specimen being sold for \$500 .-Washington Star.

In the Same Neighborhood. Two wrotched looking tramps were brought up before a Texas justice of the peace. Addressing the worst looking one, the justice asked:

"Where do you live?" "Nowhere." "And where do you live?" asked the justice, addressing the other. "Oh, I've got the room above him."-Texas Siftings

The most expensive iron work patterns for buildings are those which include arches and elaborate ornamentation in panels and statuary, and when a building is to be extended it makes considerable difference in the cost if elaborate patterns have to be duplicated.

MY CROWN.

"Let no man take my crown!" Oh, can it be These gracious, royal words were meant for me? My crown! And was I born a crown to wear? Where is my kingdom, Lord, oh, tell me, where?

Stand forth. O mortal, and receive the right! Hath he not said it—he, the king of might? Joint heir thou art with him, the prince who

Thy reign that bath no end e'en here begins. But not alone in Heaven regnant thou'll be;

On earth a radiant crown awaiteth thee.
'Twas made for thine own use, for thine alone: Then see that no man else shalt thee dethrone. Whatever talent thou canst claim as thine, What illumined truth in thy soul doth shine, This is thy crown, and this thine empire true,

Just where is thine appointed work to do. It matters not how small thy kingdom be: the transfer not now small thy kingdom be:
The crown thereof belongs to only thes.
If thou canst do in God's name one true thing,
It is thy right; with joy thine offering bring.
—Amelia W. King in Business Woman's JourFASHIONABLE NOVELTIES.

Hats Will Be Large, Bonnets Small and

Many of the wide, capelike lace collars ow shown are made of feather edged braid wrought into elaborate patterns with the needle. They are finer and more delicate than guipure, but lose a great part of their beauty when they are washed, as the loops of the braid lose their roundness and come twisted and matted.

Capes will no doubt be as popular next winter as they were last. Very attractive ones, intended for traveling and other hard use, are shown in heavy serges, navy It was on the Common that we were blue or black, lined with tartan plaid silk



of the autumn styles, although it is hard to realize that a cool season will ever arrive while we are in the midst of hot weather Summer is so small a part of the year for many Americans, however, that it is in a measure bound to make up

in intensity what it lacks in length. Persons living in the latitude of New York To the average New Yorker who finds have only three months of summer at most, with one month each of spring and fall. The rest of the year is winter, with a generous allowance of rain, snow, mud and fog. The inhabitants of more northerly states enjoy a still shorter season of muslins and shade hats and are to be excosed if on discarding one winter's garments they then look anxlously about for some hint of the ensuing winter's fashlons. It is safe to predict that here will scanter, since they have begun to be drap-

ed and doubled. Probably the continuous heat has had a great deal to do with the fact that this summer has been prolific in thin street gowns. Dimitles and lawns, but lately kept entirely for house and carriage wear, are seen everywhere on the streets, and women more heavily clothed look hot and uncomfortable in contrast. It is to be dey make de driver keep a stoppin' all day, feared that this freak of fashion will not held over until another year, for her rational fancies are seldom enduring.

Do not buy anything that is expected to Any one who has been in Egypt will do long service of the blue shades, for the have had an object lesson on the propaga- color is too trying to have anything except tion of disease by files. The many victims a transitory vogue. As soon as the nov-of ophthalmia to be seen there usually have alty wears off it is doomed to disfavor and

SUMMER HOMES.

Since the decrease of farming industries in New England many of the deserted farmhouses in retired regions have been bought by city people of moderate means where the sources of infection cannot be hence they may be obtained at a nominal price and answer for purposes of summer customed to the modern conveniences of city life. To pass a winter in one of them would be a different story but during A German scribe relates that during a the warm weather the out of door life is

The buying of one of these houses is a the news of the day. Five offices utilized scheme cagerly entered into by many self fly papers, and the genius of seven editors supporting young women, who, as teachwas displayed upon pocket handkerchiefs. ers or artists, lead a confined life in the The climax of astonishment was reached winter, and especially need rest and free-



WOOL COSTUME.

at ord to pay the hig bills consequent on a long stay at a regular summer resort. besides desiring more scolusion, and quiet than it is possible to have at such a place. Two or three girls often club together to Fresh water pearls are found in many make up the fond for the purchase of a farmhouse and buy only the strictest necessities for its permanent furnishinging supplied by the cushions, rugs and bric-a-brac gathered together by every independent young woman, whether she resides at home, in a boarding house or in a school. During the summer holidays these young women's life in their house is a sort of glorifled camping out. They do their own work, which is very simple under the circumstances, and furnish their table with the eggs, fruit and other prod-uce of the vicinity. There are no social demands upon them except those that they themselves choose to create. They are completely independent, and when the season is over they pack their Japanese draperies and jars to take back to the city and lock up their house with its scant deal furniture to walt for another year.

The sketch shows a gown of brown shocked wool trimmed with old rose velvet and cluny insertion. The plain skirt is trimmed with a velvet ruche. The round corsage is gathered at the waist and has a yoke and bretelles of guipure. The tight sleeves have a guipure trimmed puff above the elbow, and velvet ribbon forms a belt with long ends. JUDIC CHOLLET.

WHAT IT WAS.

A Traveling Man Discovers That He Has Slept with Stange Company.

A gentleman who traveled in the rural districts of the west some years ago says that to this day he has a "creeping sensawhen he recalls his experience in spending the night at a farm house. It was late in the summer, and the farmers were doing their thresbing, while their wives were emptying their ticks and refill

ing them with clean straw Just before dark the traveler reached a comfortable looking house, where a hearty welcome was accorded him when he asked if he might stay all night. While sating

his supper he heard the farmer's wife say to her husband and son:
"The straw tick from the spare room bed will have to be filled. I emptied it to

day and forgot all about it until this min-When the tired guest was shown to his room he undressed hastily and climbed into bed. Every movement of his body caused the straw to rustle under him, and pretty soon he discovered that it rustled even when he was lying perfectly still. He was of a nervous temperament, and the

strange noise disturbed him. It was only occasional. He would be still for a moment, and then the straw would rustle loudly. He fancied that he felt something moving under him. The rustling grew more frequent, and he won-dered what caused it. It might be a rat! He sat up in bed. At once the rustling became more violent than ever, and he dis-tinctly felt movements under him. He fumped from his bed, lighted his candle and looked at the straw tick. All was still

"I guess it's nothing but grasshoppers or crickets," he said. "I'm not going to be cheated out of my rest by some harmless

He got back into bed, but passed a restless, wearisome night, hearing the rustling sounds frequently. The next morning he said to his host: "I beg your pardon, but I think that a

mouse or some small animal was in the straw you put into the tick on my bed last I heard and felt something rustling around constantly."
"We must see about it," said the man. "Henry you pitch the tick out on the grass and empty out the straw. Like as not

some of them plaguy field mice got into it. It was so dark we couldn't have seen it if it had been a ground hog.' A few minutes later Henry appeared at an open window with a black snake fully four feet long dangling from the end of a

"There you air," he said laconically. "That's all it was. He was turrible mad, and come at me the minute I let him out. But I tromped the life out of him in no "And I slept all night with that thing in

my bed!" gasped the stranger, shuddering from head to foot "Shucksi" said the farmer; "he wouldn't 'a' hurt you none if he had bit you. Them kind of snakes ain't pizen."-Youth's Com-

A Word for the Earthworm.

The earthworm is an animal which has not received that attention from zoologists which it deserves, in spite of the fact that its habits and structure formed the last of that magnificent series of volumes with which Darwin enriched scientific literature. And it has not only been neglected by naturalists, but has incurred the bitter enmity of gardeners and fermers. It is true that the gardener has some reason for his dislike when he sees his carefully rolled walks and smooth lawns rendered unsightly by the heaps of earth with which the worm diligently covers them. But the farmer has no business to com-

plain, for not only do earthworms form a large part of the food of many birds, which would, perhaps, in their absence direct their attention more closely to his crops and fruit trees, but they are of positive advantage in loosening the soil, and so making passages for the rain to trickle down to the lowest roots.

More than a hundred years ago Gilbert White devoted one of his letters to the subject of earthworms, and defended them from the accusation of uselessness and injuriousness in the economy of nature, remarking further, and so to a certain extent anticipating Darwin, that they are often responsible for the formation of new soils.-F. E. Beddard, M. A., in Chambers' Journal.

Fishes That Carry Batteries.

The "torpedo" or "eramp fish" has two complete electric batteries on either side of its head, constructed after the most ap proved scientific principles. Each of them consists of about 470 cells in the shape of six sided tubes placed side by side. The walls of these cells are lined with nerve tissue and each one is filled with a clear, trembling jelly. Precisely how many volts this duplex galvanic apparatus is capable of administering has never been determined, but frequent experience has shown the power to be sufficient to knock down

and temporarily paralyze a man. Natives in Central America are said to make a practice of driving wild horses into water where cramp fish are in order that the latter may stun the frightened quadrupeds and make them easy to capture. So that a shock shall be administered, the object must be brought into contact at two points with the torpedo, thus completing the electric circuit,

Scientific men regard this as one of the Lawn Grass Seeds most interesting of natural phenomena. Two other kinds of animals possess gal-vanic batteries—a catfish and an eel. The two latter have the storage cells situated in their tails. In all three cases the electricity is merely transformed nervous energy.-Interview in Washington Star.

Marvelous Fecundity.

The reproductive powers of many bacteria is so marveious as to be almost be-yond belief. Professor Law has experimented with several different forms which were capable of doubling their number every hour. When in the best condition a single bacterium will give 16,777,300 individuals in the short space of twenty-four hours. In forty-eight hours the offspring from a germ not measuring more than onefifteen thousandsh of an inch will have increased until their bulk cannot be put in a half pint measure, the total number of individuals then exceeding 281,500,000,000! If these deductions are correct (and scientlets have proved that they are, as near as such figures can possibly be from the very nature of the experiment), is it any wonder that bacterial diseases are so difficult to control? -St. Louis Republic.

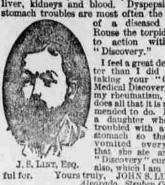
One Way to Spell Potato. Considering the state of the crops and the auxiety expressed by our English cousing about our spelling, the following exercise may be appropriate. Who invented it is unknown to me, but it sounds like Dr. Wayland, of Philadelphis, a "fonetik par-son:" "What does this spel!—Ghoughphththeightteeau?" Well, according to the following rule, it spells potato: Gh stands for p, as in the last letters of hiccough ough for o, as in dough; phth for t, as in plathisis; eigh stands for a, as in neighbor; tte stands for t, as in gazette, and cau stands for o, as in beau. Thus you have p-o-t-a-t-o. - Boston Advertiser.

Goethe as an Electrician. Goethe was an experimentalist as well as a poet, and one of the curiosities of the electrical exhibition at Frankfort-on-the-Main is his electrical machine. He, of course, lived long before the days of dynamos, and it is simply a glass frictional machine, such as are used to draw sparks from, or to charge Layden jars in lectures. The glass was in the shape of a globe which was mounted on an axle and re volved by means of a wheel and cord. On its being rubbed electricity was developed. -Loudon Globe.

Domestic Felicity.

The wife of a drum major, a colossus, is a dwarf. She is a despot. He has the do cility of a child. When they quarrel she orders him to put her on the table and let her slap his face. He lifts her in his arms puts her on the table, bends his head, re ceives the slap which she gives with her might and then replaces her on the floor with respectful terror. This vulgar parody of the Samson and Delliah story would be called by Courbet a real allegory.—New

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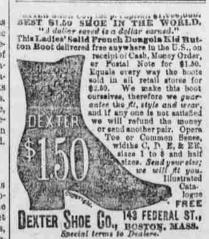
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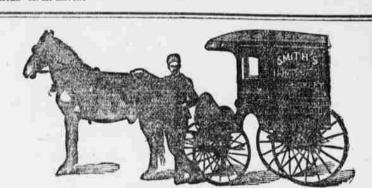
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